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Mr. Charles L. Heatherly Director President's Commission on White House Fellowships 712 Jackson Place, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Mr. Heatherly:

Thank you for your letter of 23 April 1984 to Mr. Casey regarding the new class of White House Fellows.

The Central Intelligence Agency wholeheartedly endorses the program's goal of giving young leaders the opportunity to work at the highest levels of the Federal Government. Unfortunately, as I mentioned in my 5 July 1983 response to Ms. June G. Walker's invitation to participate in the Presidential Executive Exchange Program, the relatively short period of time a program participant would be with us creates a difficult situation. Our front offices are small and operate with minimal compartmentation and exposing Fellows to sensitive classified material, even after a full security screening, is incompatible with our obligation to protect intelligence sources and methods. Assigning a Fellow to a lower level or more narrow element of the Agency is not fair to them. Thus, we have reluctantly concluded that it would be wise to discontinue our involvement in the program.

_	Sincerely,
	Executive Director
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PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION ON WHITE HOUSE FELLOWSHIPS THE WHITE HOUSE

April 23, 1984

Dear Mr. Casey:

On June 4, 1984, a new group of 13-18 White House Fellows will be announced by the President's Commission on White House Fellowships. The new class will report to Washington for the week of June 25-29 for job placement interviews. It is my hope that you will be interested in interviewing some of the new Fellows during the week of June 25 and that you will select one of the Fellows to work in your office beginning September 1.

The White House Fellowships program was founded in 1964 by President Lyndon Johnson to bring a select number of well qualified, highly motivated young leaders to Washington for one year and to give them the opportunity to work in the federal government at a high level and to gain firsthand knowledge of the governmental process.

Fellows are typically assigned as special assistants to the Vice President, to heads of agencies and Cabinet departments and to senior members of the White House staff. Since 1964 almost 300 Fellows have participated in this program. President Reagan is the fifth President to oversee the program and he is very supportive of it.

As I mentioned, the fellowship year begins the first of September. The Fellows are paid by the departments they work for, at levels not to exceed GS 15, step 3. In addition, it is expected that they will be permitted to participate in field trips, not to exceed 15 working days during the year and \$4,000 in expenses (which the employing agencies are asked to cover).

If you would be interested in having a White House Fellow this fall, please advise me of the name of your staff assistant who would conduct the initial interviews. I will then give that individual a set of files on the new Fellows after the new class has been announced on June 4. I would be pleased to meet with you or your aide to discuss the candidates or any aspect of the program.



If you or your staff have any questions, please feel free to give me a call at 395-4522. I am enclosing a copy of our brochure for your information and a list of the current (1983-84) White House Fellows and their work assignments.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Charles L. Heatherly

Director

Enclosures

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